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1. BACKGROUND / INTRODUCTION

The vision for Gawler as stated in the Council Community Plan 2014-2024 is to be 'A liveable, cohesive, active, innovative and sustainable community'. This policy acknowledges the valuable contribution that participation in sport and recreation, both active and passive, has to the physical and mental health and overall wellbeing of the community. Council will actively encourage and develop a community that provides members with the opportunity and means to access quality sport and recreation activities, facilities and programs regardless of age, gender, ability, cultural background or socio-economic status.

2. POLICY OBJECTIVES

This policy recognises the vital role Council has in the provision, planning and leadership support of sport and recreation opportunities within the community. The objectives of the policy are:

- 2.1 To allow the local community to participate in a range of sport and recreation opportunities within Gawler.

- 2.2 To actively support local sport and recreation associations, clubs and organisations to increase the numbers of community members participating in sport and recreation activities within Gawler.
- 2.3 To promote the benefits of an active healthy lifestyle that can include participation in sport and recreation activities and promote the range of opportunities within Gawler.
- 2.4 To actively support and facilitate resource and facility sharing and encourage the development of multi-use facilities by Council and other providers, including sporting associations, private enterprise and educational institutions.
- 2.5 To develop and maintain partnerships with other Local Government bodies, State and Federal Governments and Sporting Associations to establish a coordinated and integrated approach to the funding and provision of sporting and recreation opportunities for the community.

3. POLICY PRINCIPLES

The following Principles underpin the Council commitment to sport and recreation:

3.1 **Community Participation**

All members of the community should have the opportunity to participate in sport and recreation activities that positively contribute to their health and wellbeing, regardless of:

- 3.1.1 Age
- 3.1.2 Gender
- 3.1.3 Ability
- 3.1.4 Cultural Background
- 3.1.5 Socio-Economic status

Council will encourage and support opportunities that promote the community to be more physically active. In some instances this will include programs and initiatives targeted at specific population groups to assist all members of the community have the opportunity for positive wellbeing outcomes.

3.2 **Sport and recreation facility use**

Sport and recreation facilities will be strategically provided in accordance with the following current and/or future factors:

- 3.2.1 Community needs and interests
- 3.2.2 Population growth
- 3.2.3 Available resources
- 3.2.4 Existing and/or planned facilities within and/or nearby to Gawler

Sport and recreation facility provision will aim to offer the community with a variety of experiences and choices for both sport and recreation activities. Facility provision and design will encourage and prioritise multi-use initiatives such as sporting or community hubs over single use initiatives.

3.3 Partnerships

Council will be proactive in establishing and maintaining partnerships to allow for the delivery of an increased range and quality of sport and active and passive recreation opportunities for the community.

Partners will include, but will not be limited to:

- 3.3.1 Local, State and Federal Government agencies
- 3.3.2 Local and State Sporting Associations and Clubs
- 3.3.3 Educational institutions
- 3.3.4 Private enterprise
- 3.3.5 Local Community

3.4 Community knowledge

Council will provide information across a range of media to reach a broad section of the community to allow people to be aware of the sport and recreation opportunities that are available in Gawler.

Council will additionally provide information to the community promoting the positive aspects of sport and recreation as contributors to health and wellbeing.

3.5 Sustainability

Council will ensure that its sport and recreation businesses are commercially responsive to the market. Facilities will be operated in a manner that encourages maximum community participation through managed pricing.

Council will proactively seek external funding opportunities for the Town of Gawler and for local community sporting and recreational organisations. It will also endorse and encourage commercial initiatives that promote positive physical activity outcomes.

4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Town of Gawler Community Plan 2014-2024 identifies that Council fulfils a number of roles addressing and advocating for the needs of the community. These roles are:

- 4.1 Service Provider
- 4.2 Regulator
- 4.3 Owner Custodian
- 4.4 Advocator
- 4.5 Facilitator
- 4.6 Leader

5. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

- 5.1 **Sport:** any human activity capable of achieving a result requiring physical exertion and/or physical skill which, by its nature and organisation, is competitive and is generally accepted as being a sport (Office for Recreation & Sport SA, 2015)

- 5.2 **Recreation:** any structure or unstructured, active or passive activity chosen and undertaken for the purpose of enjoyment, Recreation is engaged in during leisure time and offers a person an outlet for physical, mental and/or creative expression. (Office for Recreation & Sport SA, 2015)

6. REVIEW AND EVALUATION

The effectiveness of this Policy will be reviewed on a biennial basis.

The Chief Executive Officer will report to Council on the outcome of the evaluation and if relevant make recommendations for amendments, alteration or substitution of a new Policy.

The Policy will not be altered or substituted so as to affect a process already commenced.

7. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about this Policy can be obtained by:-

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8. AVAILABILITY OF POLICY

The Policy is available for inspection during ordinary business hours at the Council principal office, Gawler Town Hall or Library Council Offices, 89 – 91 Murray Street, Gawler or is available on the Council website at www.gawler.sa.gov.au.

A copy of this Policy will be provided to interested parties upon request, for a fee as contained in the Register of Fees and Charges.